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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

REF: SINGAPORE 505

1. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO REPLY TO GOS NOTE OF
FEBRUARY 4 BY ADVISING THAT THE USG WOULD BE PLEASED
TO RECEIVE A DELEGATION FROM THE GOS IN WASHINGTON IN
JUNE. SUGGEST FIRM DATES BE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON LATER.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF GOS PROPOSAL IS NOT INTENDED FORECLOSE
POSSIBILITY OF EARLIER TALKS IN SINGAPORE IF SCHEDULES
AND TRAVEL PLANS PERMIT. HOWEVER, PRESENT PROSPECTS
MAKE IT UNLIKELY THAT FAR EAST TRIP, IF MADE, WILL BE
EXTENSIVE OR THAT THERE WOULD BE MUCH FLEXIBILITY IN
ITINERARY. FOR THIS REASON WE THINK IT MORE ADVANTAGEOUS
TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO GOS BY ACCEPTING
PROPOSAL FOR JUNE TALKS IN WASHINGTON.

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3. ALTHOUGH MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATIONS REFERS TO

EVENTUAL SIGNATURE OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT IN SINGAPORE,
IT WAS NOT OUR INTENTION, AND PRESUMABLY NOT THAT OF THE
GOS DELEGATION TO RECOMMEND FINALIZATION OF AIR TRANSPORT
AGREEMENT UNTIL A ROUTE EXCHANGE COULD BE WORKED OUT.

ROUTE ISSUES ARE COMPLICATED AND MAY BE DIFFICULT TO
RESOLVE. UNTIL THE QUESTION OF ROUTES CAN BE RESOLVED
THERE WOULD SEEM TO BE LITTLE PURPOSE IN SIGNING THE
AGREEMENT.

4. PAN AM SEEKS TO IMPLEMENT AN ADDITIONAL FREQUENCY
TO SINGAPORE WHEN POSSIBLE. ANY SUPPORT EMBASSY
CAN GIVE WILL BE APPRECIATED. INGERSOLL

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